PARAMETER	WATCH	WARNING	ADVISORY
BLIZZARD	Potential for Sustained wind or	Sustained wind /frequent	NOT ISSUED
	frequent gusts \geq 35 mph and	gusts > 35 mph and visibility	
	visibility < 1/4 mile in S/BS for >	< 1/4 mile in S/BS for > 3	
	3 hours	hours	
	BLIZZARD WATCH	BLIZZARD WARNING	
BLOWING DUST	NOT ISSUED	NOT ISSUED	Widespread visibility ≤ 1/4 mile
BLOWING SNOW	NOT ISSUED	NOT ISSUED	Widespread visibility ≤ 1/4 mile
			WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY
FOG	NOT ISSUED	NOT ISSUED	Widespread visibility ≤ 1/4 mile
FREEZE	Potential for Temperatures	Temperatures ≤ 32 °F ≥ 29	NOT ISSUED
	\leq 32 °F \geq 29 between May 1 and	between May 1 and October	
	October 20	20	
HARD FREEZE	Potential for Temperatures ≤ 28 °F	Potential for Temperatures <	
	between May 1 and October 20	28 °F between May 1 and	
		October 20	
FROST	NOT ISSUED	NOT ISSUED	Formation of frost between May 1 and
			October 20 (T≤36 °F)

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FREEZING RAIN	Potential for: freezing rain with	Ice accumulation ≥1/4" on	Light ice accrual generally <1/4" on
	significant /damaging ice	all surfaces ICE STORM	all surfaces
	accumulations (usually ≥1/4")	WARNING	
	WINTER STORM WATCH		FREEZING RAIN ADVISORY
FREEZING FOG		Ice accrual covering all	Very light ice accumulation from
		surfaces with ice	freezing fog
		accumulation < 1/4"	
HEAT INDEX		HI ≥ 105 °F and the	HI around 100 °F and/or
		minimum heat index of at	Max temperature ≥ 95 °F
		least 75 °F for a 48 hour	
		period.	
		Consider a HI warning if	
		Heat advisory conditions are	
		met for 4 consecutive days	
ICE STORM		Ice accumulation $\geq 1/4$ " with	NOT ISSUED
		damage	
SLEET	Potential for sleet accumulation ≥	Sleet Accumulation > 1/2"	Sleet Accumulation < 1/2"
	1/2"		
		WINTER STORM WARNING	WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY
	WINTER STORM WATCH		

HEAVY SNOW	Potential for Snow accumulation	> 6" avg in 12 hours	3 to 5" avg
(also used for snow	≥6" avg in 12 hrs or ≥8" in 24 hrs	> 8" avg in 24 hours	2 to 4" avg (forecaster discretion)
and blowing snow)			
3	WINTER STORM WATCH	WINTER STORM WARNING	WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY
LAKE EFFECT SNOW	Potential for maximum lake effect	Maximum lake effect snow	Maximum lake effect snow
(also used for lake	snow accumulaton:≥ 6" in 12 hrs	accumulation: ≥6" in 12 hrs	accumulation 3" - 5" in 12 hrs
effect snow and blowing	or ≥ 8" in 24 hrs	or ≥8" in 24 hrs	(forecaster discretion 2" - 4")
snow)	LAKE EFFECT SNOW WATCH	LAKE EFFECT SNOW WARNING	LAKE EFFECT SNOW ADVISORY
WIND	Potential for sustained non-	Sustained non-convective	Sustained non-convective wind between
(HIGH WIND)	convective wind \geq 40 mph for \geq 1	wind \geq 40 mph for \geq 1 hour	30 and 39 mph for \geq 1 hour and/or
	hour and/or gusts \geq 58 mph	and ∕or gusts ≥ 58 mph	gusts between 45 - 57 mph.
	HIGH WIND WATCH	HIGH WIND WARNING	WIND ADVISORY
WIND CHILL	Potential for WC ≤ -25 °F	WC <u><</u> -25 °F	WC -15 °F to -24 °F
	WIND CHILL WATCH	WIND CHILL WARNING	WIND CHILL ADVISORY

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WINTER STORM	Potential for snow accumulation: ≥	Combination of any winter	
	6" in 12 hrs or ≥ 8" in 24 hrs ,	warning hazards, including	
	Combination of Snow, Sleet and	significant blowing and	
	Freezing Rain Meeting Warning	drifting snow below blizzard	
	Criteria, and/or Blowing and	conditions (lesser amounts	
	Drifting Snow Approaching Blizzard	may be warranted especially	
	Conditions; Mixed Precipitation	if significant mixed	
	(lesser amounts if mixed	precipitation in an early or	
	precipitation)	late season	
	Wind Chill ≤ -25 F °	event)	
	WINTER STORM		
	WATCH	WINTER STORM WARNING	
WINTER WEATHER			Combination of any winter
			advisory hazards
			WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY